



Greater Edmonton Meeting
November 18, 2020 / 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. / Zoom

Introducing your Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council members:

In attendance: Anahi Johnson (Chair), Floyd House (Vice-Chair), Carol Anderson, Maya Atallah, Maura Beaton, Sharon Brintnell, Towunmi Coker, Rume Djebah, Fahim Hassan, Kailey Schmidt Morrison, Shirley Munro, Nicholas Polturak, Shakib Rahman, Nazert Russon, Jahnavel Sánchez Noguez, Janine Sakatch, Janice Willier, Dr. David Zygun

Regrets: Deana Adams, Harmon Kahlon

Public: Two

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome	Anahi welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions. Anahi provided a land acknowledgment.
2. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes	May 7, 2020 meeting minutes reviewed and amended to include an action item that Deb Gordon will connect the public community member with appropriate AHS personnel regarding long-term care. Amended minutes approved by consensus.
Standing Items	Notes
3. Action Item from May 7, 2020 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Gordon will connect community member with appropriate AHS personal regarding long-term care. Complete • Deb Gordon will bring Council information on how the accreditation/ audit process works. Complete • Isabel Henderson will provide Council information on Chartwell Retirement Residence. Complete • Dr. Zygun will get data for Shakib pertaining to AHS staff that were sent home from work after screening. Complete
4. AHS Zone Update	<p>Dr. David Zygun, Edmonton Zone Medical Director, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHS' primary focus is the COVID response. Extensive planning has occurred to prepare for the second wave. • Surge capacity measures are planned to support patient flow and ensure care is available to those who need it:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30 per cent of scheduled surgeries are postponed and ambulatory visits are being adjusted; ○ Urgent, emergent and cancer surgeries will continue; ○ Creating a COVID ward to limit spread and increase capacity for other services to continue to provide service. ● Virtual Health is being used to provide follow up to patients. ● The Alberta Government has directed AHS to proceed with a portion of the actions identified in the AHS Review plan, as the health care system continues to focus on response to the COVID-19 pandemic. <p>Carol Anderson, Chief Zone Officer, Edmonton Zone, Clinical Operations shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The health system and its community partners have done great work coming together through the pandemic. ● Wave two of Connect Care has successfully launched and the transition was smooth.
<p>5. Community Partners</p>	<p>No community partners attended.</p>
<p>6. Community Voices</p>	<p>Community members shared concerns about staffing levels at continuing care sites. They're hearing of staff fatigue and a reported reduced level of care. As well, the single site order resulting in staff turnover. It was suggested that AHS engage with patients and families when making decisions about continuing care sites.</p>
<p>7. Council Round Table</p>	<p>Council members shared the following insights from their communities:</p> <p>Janice Willer says there is concern in Edmonton about the nurse's strike and about schools remaining open. There is also worry about the number of outbreaks occurring in long term care sites.</p> <p>Floyd House gave an update on information shared at the Strathcona Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting he attended on October 26, 2020. He adds, information about COVID-19 that's released to the public by various levels of government is complex on often not easy to understand.</p> <p>Rume Djebah shared there is concern about the number of outbreaks occurring in schools.</p>



	<p>Kailey Schmidt Morrison commented that many in Strathcona County are pleased with work done to keep schools open. Towumi Coker shared thoughts on why communities are reacting as they are and the frustration about masking regulations.</p> <p>Jahnavel Sánchez Noguez promotes the use of Text4hope with the high-risk youth she works with. There is need for more resources in French and support for newcomers as language is often a barrier for those seeking medical attention.</p> <p>Sharon Brintnell expressed concern about the McCullough Centre closing in Gunn Alberta. There is uncertainty about the reason for the closure. She also shared gratitude from the community for additional testing sites for COVID-19.</p> <p>Shakib Rahman gave kudos to AHS teams and sites who underwent the second wave of Connect Care; he’s heard it was a smooth transition. For more information on visiting the Connect Care website.</p> <p>Nazert Russon participated in many of the virtual National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations in June. She also attended Standing Together Against Racism in November. As well, the Sage Seniors Association is hosting from November 18-21, 2020 Virtual Seniors’ Forum 2020.</p> <p>Shirley Munro shares that Evansburg Retirement Homes have gone through a lot of personal protective equipment (PPE) due to increased outbreaks. The Wabamun Physician and Health Care Professionals Recruitment and Retention Committee (WPHCPRRC) has recently approved a nurse practitioner work four days per week.</p> <p>Fahim Hassan says those in his community have expressed feelings of uncertainty and helplessness as things continue to change and evolve during the pandemic. These feelings are magnified by polarizing political views.</p> <p>Anahi Johnson shared highlights of her Chair’s report, which includes concern about budget cuts to supervised consumption services and about the current operational system in long-term care sites. As well, there is concern about the government’s announcement to cut 11,000 jobs at AHS.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Notes</p>



<p>8. Presentation / Engagement / Discussion Topic</p>  <p>2020 11 18 - Edmonton ZHCP- GE</p>	<p>Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning Engagement <i>Niki Sibera – Director of System and Service Planning , Soyun Chapman – Senior Planner, Planning & Performance , Joanne Ballance – Senior Advisor, Community Engagement</i></p> <p>The Edmonton Zone Healthcare Plan is a strategic plan that will help define healthcare service needs for the next 10 to 15 years and lays out a road map for transformation. Zone Healthcare Plans have alignment with the vision and priorities of Alberta Health, the AHS Board’s 10-year vision and AHS Health Plan and Business Plan.</p>
<p>9. Next Steps / Action Items</p>	<p>Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to connect with Maya if interested in being part of the Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning working group. • The AHS Board’s 10-year vision will be shared with Council once it is publicly available. <p>Community Voices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council requested a list of all the facilities granted exemptions to the single site rule. Maya will follow up. • Is there data on the number of staff and residents who’ve tested positive for COVID-19, aside from what’s available in the media? <p>Council Round Table</p> <p>Moved by Fahim Hassan that Council write a letter to the AHS Board advising of concerns and recommendations from local communities pertaining to long-term care, continuing care and seniors care. Moved by Sharon Brintnell to table this until agreed on what to include. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will hold an in-camera, ad-hoc meeting to discuss next steps for the letter. • Janine Sakatch will connect with the AH Review Board to inquire if GEHAC can be part of the Facility-based Continuing Care focus group opportunity. • Maya Atallah to look into the status of 811 committees and Nazert Russon involvement. <p>AHS Zone Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maya to send Council a copy of AHS review.



10. Date of Next Meeting	Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Zoom
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